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RE: ADM File No. 2004-55
Proposed Amendment of Rule 3.211 of the Michigan Court Rules

Dear Clerk Davis:

At its June 10, 2005 meeting, the Board of Commissioners of the State Bar of Michigan considered the above proposed amendment published for comment. After careful consideration, the State Bar respectfully requests that the Court defer action on the proposal pending coordination with the Michigan Child Support Enforcement System and its 2006 coordinated review process, with the Child Support Program Partnership, and with other interested entities. The State Bar heard from prosecutors, Friends of the Court and others that this court Rule has implications for delivery of justice system and other services to families. We believe that deferral pending coordination would be consistent with the historic leadership role played by the Michigan Supreme Court in the efforts to provide effective and coordinated services to families.

We appreciate the opportunity to offer this position for the Court's consideration. Please contact me with any further questions.

Sincerely,

John T. Berry
Executive Director

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